Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Emerald Radford "Skip" Schipper was born on September 5, 1918, to John and Clara Belle Schipper at Valley Springs, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In 1937, Skip graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, worked for Wells Fargo delivering telegrams on a bicycle, and also worked for Morrell's Meat Packing Company; and,

Whereas, Skip served his country honorably for 3 years in the Marine Corps and was stationed on Johnston Island; and,

Whereas, Skip married Alice Mae Blow on April 11, 1947, and together they parented three daughters and five sons; and,

Whereas, Skip managed the Cox's Bakery and Dixie Bake Shop, won numerous prizes and competitions for his cake decorating, and created the "granary bread recipe" served at Minerva restaurants; and,

Whereas, Skip is a member of the VFW and Moose Lodge in Sioux Falls; enjoys gardening, working crossword puzzles, and reading encyclopedias and the dictionary; and continues to enjoy his role as father and grandfather in order to share the tricks of his trade and the wisdom he has gained through life's experiences; and,

Whereas, Skip currently lives in Sioux Falls and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family gathers on September 6, 2008, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 6, 2008, as

EMERALD "SKIP" SCHIPPER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State